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Our cannot read the thrilling account of the typhoon which occurred in September in China, without realizing our exemption from these terrific disasters which occur annually in that quarter, in Australia and the East and West Indies. Our storms rarely partake of the character of a typhoon or cyclone, and when these occur in this latitude they pass generally to the east or west of this group. In this respect the islands are much favored, and we hope we shall never be called on to record such a disaster as that the particulars of which are given on our fourth page.

We are often asked if little Charlie Ross has ever been heard of or heard of. On the fourth page is an article giving all that is known in the affair, and which states that not only has the child never been heard of, but that the father has been driven crazy by the base slanders and lies published about him. This man and his family were poor, quiet and unobtrusive people. But one day of the most cruel acts was perpetrated against him. Their little boy was stolen, and has been lost to them probably forever. The sensation caused by that deed should have satisfied the most sensational of reporters. But it did not. And amid all the agonies of mind for the loss of their child, by the parents, the father must be accused of having murdered or made way with his little boy for the purpose of raising money. Such accusations have had their effect. Added to his parental grief for the loss of his child, they have driven him insane.

Our Internal Revenue.
The assessment of taxes for the current year has been tabulated, and the result shows in dollars as follows:
Real Estate, \$2,821,962.45; Carriages, \$1,830.00; Personal, \$1,321.92; Polls, \$14,200.00; Horses, \$24,138.00; Cattle, \$1,625.00; Mules, \$3,739.00; Road, \$23,274.00; Dogs, \$9,000.00; School, \$26,700.00.
Total Tax, \$153,265.38.

This is a falling off from the tax of 1873 of \$2,671.44. The real estate and carriage tax of the current year shows an increase over that of 1873; but the personal estate, poll, horse, mule, dog, cart, road and school taxes have fallen off.

Every island shows a gain in the valuation of real estate, while Kauai alone gives an increased valuation of personal property.

Niihau has the proud distinction of being without a dog. Lanai, and Puna, Hawaii, are without a cart. Hana (Maui), Lanai, and Hilo, Puna and Kau, Hawaii, are without a carriage. Honolulu claims 291 out of the 386 carriages assessed.

The islands contribute to the revenue as follows:
Oahu, \$40,395.28; Maui, \$30,447.13; Kauai, \$40,195.40; Hawaii, \$10,296.62.
Honolulu ranks first in revenue; Waikiki, second; Lahaina, third; Hilo, fourth.

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The Transit of Venus.

The civilized world has probably never before concentrated its attention on a matter of purely scientific nature, as on the late Transit of Venus across the sun. A month or more ago Prof. Alexander had made a calculation from the data given in the American Nautical Almanac, which differed slightly from the British of the expected time of contact for Honolulu: lat. 21° 15' 33" lon. 157° 45' 33", with certain results, the records of which were stored away in a private drawer, until known to his assistant Lyons, who was depending on the British Almanac. The Professor went out of town Wednesday noon, December 10th, returning Saturday night. On Monday morning, Dec. 14th, he came into the office and handed out the papers. What was the pleasure of both parties of the survey to find the following predicted times recorded therein:

External contact, 3h. 35m. 32s.
Internal contact, 3h. 35m. 32s.
The latter agreeing most remarkably with what was observed at Honolulu. Prof. Forbes had alluded to the error of the British Tables already (see "Nature" p. 87), without stating its precise amount. Prof. Alexander had also worked from the British data with the following result:

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There remains a vast amount of working up of micrometer and photograph observations. No real practice could be had for such a celestial phenomenon. It only appears marvelous that observers should so nearly coincide from totally different stand points.

Church Systems among Hawaiians.

It has been too common heretofore for those interested in the Mission of the American Board of these Islands, in telling the world of results, to deal in numbers and enthusiastic and picturesque descriptions. Too much may have been said about crowded churches and great revivals, too little of personal religion and morality among the people. It is certain that an exaggerated opinion of the christianization of Hawaiians holds abroad.

The apparently brilliant success of the missionaries has been severely tested during the last decade by the experiment of giving up to the natives themselves, in large measure, the care of the churches; the result is not only a failure on their part to support ecclesiastical responsibilities, but also a serious retrogression in religion and moral sentiment and a lowering of standards of principle. The condition of the native churches to-day is discouraging in the extreme, nor does the average character and abilities of Hawaiian pastors and theologians offer much encouragement.

The trial of Congregational and Presbyterian systems of church government among the Hawaiians has proved a failure. Twelve years ago when the American Board were considering the advisability of withdrawing from the mission, and leaving the churches to manage themselves on an independent basis, the majority of missionaries were opposed to the change, fearing lest the natives should prove unequal to the responsibility. Their advice, however, was over-ruled, and the old arrangement under which the missionaries, holding the authority, if not the rank of bishops, had been instrumental in effecting a vast national reform, was abandoned for a doubtful experiment, which, as we have seen, has resulted unfavorably.

It is hard to acknowledge all this, and it will be difficult to retrieve the mistake, but these are no reasons for shutting the eyes and marching on in the same direction. Some even, whose opportunities for judging are very great, have anxious fears lest the Hawaiian churches on the present basis, shall fail to hold their own as Christian churches, lest they crumble to pieces like the lukewarm churches cursed in the Apocalypse, whose candlesticks were removed out of their places.

It is evident that a change of church system is needed for the safety and better management of the Hawaiian field—a more fatherly system, in which dignity, wisdom, experience and goodness shall, as recognized authority, have a more direct and positive influence and effect than now. Perhaps Methodist Episcopalism comes nearer to this need than any other form of church government; and its itinerant feature under which its clergy change often from one parish to another, would be particularly fitting for Hawaiian pastors, whose fountains of wisdom are rarely perennial.

Of course universal and simple Christianity is the great aim, and no Christian can hold accustomed forms and denominational features of ecclesiastical work as of comparable importance.

Horticultural Notes.

In one of our California exchanges, we find the following referring to orange culture in that State: "Orange culture has its drawbacks as well as its attractions. The length of time between the season of planting and that of gathering the first harvest is a sufficient barrier in itself to deter the masses from undertaking it, while the constant care and application required, with nothing but a prospective reward, often eventually discourage many who enter upon it at first with enthusiasm. There are also the vexations arising from drought, and the consequent exhaustion of the sources of water-supply, which the trees require at least once a month, and from the depredations of squirrels and other pests, including occasional nipping of the young trees by frost, unless very carefully protected."

Washington City must have changed very much in its appearance during the past ten years, in which great efforts have been made to adorn it with trees. Its streets are now planted with 27,000 trees. During the three years that the Park Commission has been in operation under the directions of the Board of Public Works there have been planted 14,002 trees, or a little more than one-half the whole number in the city, and so successfully has the work of planting been done that the number of trees lost has been very trifling. In the reserve nurseries in the eastern section of the city the Park Commission have now about 73,000 young trees of 30 different varieties in course of training, which are intended for future use. The cost of each tree, when planted in the street, with box and everything complete, is \$6 in this city, while in Paris it is \$15.

Mr. Hodges, superintendent of tree-planting for the St. Paul and Pacific Railway Company, reports over 4,000,000 trees planted along the lines of that company since he commenced work in the spring of 1873. Less than three per cent have failed, and the rest are doing well. The prairie farmers along the lines are generally following the example.

In this connection we may add that Mr. Marsh, in his edition of Man and Nature, states that tree planting is a sure preventive of the scourge of grasshoppers and locusts. These pests will only thrive where there are but few or no trees.

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The Good Templars.

An Australian exchange has the following article, showing the origin, growth and principles of this Society, which now exists so great an influence in the world: "The Order of Good Templars is not a life assurance or sick benefit society; it is a moral and political association, whose general principles may be summed up in the words 'Total abstinence from intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and unceasing hostility to the liquor traffic.' It was started in the State of New York in 1852, and steadily increased in its membership until the civil war broke out, which greatly retarded its progress. At the close of the war Good Templarism recommenced its career with renewed vigor, and during the year 1867 two thousand two hundred lodges were added, and two hundred and fifteen thousand new members. Such an increase never had a parallel in the history of any order in the world. In the United Kingdom Good Templarism has made the same marvellous progress; in the Australian Colonies it has spread with equal rapidity, and wherever it has been introduced in New Zealand, the same vigorous growth has been the result. The Good Templars in the world now exceed a million in number. Like most orders, Good Templarism is in one sense a secret organization, although the meetings, members, and principles are not concealed. The ceremonies are kept secret, to make them more impressive to the convert. The unwritten word, though elaborate, is not superfluous, and there is nothing in its ceremonies which would offend the moral sense of any Christian. No oaths are used, and the passwords and signs are little more than substitutes for tickets of admission and certificates of membership. Every candidate must acknowledge the existence and power of Almighty God, and be willing to take the pledge for life. Should any member be found guilty of providing strong drink for others, or of causing it to be provided, of habitually frequenting drinking places, of profane swearing, of immorality, or of breaking the laws of the order, he is liable to be expelled. There is no honorary membership; all must subscribe unless excused in consequence of poverty. The new member, after being received in a solemn and impressive manner, is introduced to and welcomed by his brethren and sisters, and his interest is gained by giving him something to do. 'Occupation is the armor of the soul.' The formation of temperance libraries and book agencies are encouraged in the lodges, and the reading of original and selected essays, and the cultivation of vocal and instrumental music. Such is the organization which has assumed such gigantic proportions; and such, in brief, is the system upon which it works. In educating public opinion, the order of Good Templars employs the press, the platform, and the pulpit."

Removal of the Capital.
There has been some talk lately about the removal of the American National Capital west to the Mississippi valley—St. Louis. We have no idea that such a visionary project will ever be attempted, but should it be seriously entertained, the question of expense involved should not be overlooked. Here is a table of the cost of erecting the chief buildings now at Washington:

U. S. Capitol building, \$12,000,000
U. S. Capitol grounds, 2,000,000
U. S. Supreme Court, 1,000,000
U. S. Patent Office, 8,500,000
Post Office Department, 4,000,000
U. S. Treasury, 2,000,000
New State, War and Navy Department, 1,000,000
War Department, 250,000
U. S. Observatory, 500,000
Agricultural buildings, 250,000
Botanical Garden, 1,500,000
U. S. Mint, 500,000
Smithsonian Institution, 500,000
Paymaster General, Quartermaster Department, 500,000
Pension and Census office, 500,000
Fountains, Parks etc. about the grounds, 1,475,000
Total, \$42,225,000

Editor of the Hawaiian Gazette:
Sir—Will you be kind enough to allow the following to be put in your valuable paper for the benefit of mankind?

"Intemperate eating," says the celebrated Dr. Caldwell, "is perhaps the most universal fault we commit. We are all guilty of it, not occasionally, but habitually, and almost uniformly from the cradle to the grave. It is the base ally of our infancy and youth, our maturity and age. It is infinitely more common than intemperance in drinking; and the aggregate of the mischief it does is infinitely greater. For every real drunkard that disgraces our country, it contains one hundred gluttons—persons, I mean, who eat to excess, and suffer by the practice. It is a slow, insidious, and the case is otherwise, while children and youth are regularly taught, hired, bribed, or tempted to over-indulgence in their habits. Do you ask of me evidence for the proof of this charge? Go to our dining rooms, nurseries, fruit shops, confectioneries, and places of resort, go even to sick rooms, and you will find it in abundance. You will witness there innumerable scenes of gourmandizing, and in many instances offensiveness to the senses. The trifling meal often consists of all sorts of eatables, which are collected and crowded together, and its only measure is the capacity of appetite and the capacity of the stomach. Like the pig, the creature grows, or the swine at his trough, grow away their limbs until they have neither room nor room for more. I do not say that such eating-matches always and everywhere occur; but I do say that they occur too frequently, and that they form fit subjects for caricatures by European tourists of our domestic manners."

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
PSYCOMETRY OR MIND READING!
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ON THURSDAY, DEC. 17.

By Archibald E. Rice.
This subject is now attracting a great deal of attention in the East. Mr. Rice will give a great variety of tests and experiments illustrating the subject.
Admission 41c. Seats and Tickets can be secured at the Hawaiian Hotel.
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Saturday, December 19th.
A GRAND
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THE UNDERSIGNED WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION, on the 20th inst. at 12 o'clock, the following Awa Licenses, as per list on page 1 of the Hawaiian Gazette, Dec. 15, 1873.
ONE LICENSE FOR THE SALE OF AWA IN THE DISTRICT OF KOOLAPOHO.
For the year 1874, commencing Jan. 1, at an upset price of \$100. Cash on day of sale.
ALSO, at the house of Kahanamoku, Waikiki, on Monday, Dec. 23rd, at 12 o'clock, the following Awa Licenses, as per list on page 1 of the Hawaiian Gazette, Dec. 15, 1873.
ONE LICENSE FOR THE SALE OF AWA IN THE DISTRICT OF KOOLAPOHO.
For the year 1874, commencing Jan. 1, at an upset price of \$100. Cash on day of sale.
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